

Forest Service plans Mirror Lake projects

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KAMAS—Two projects which could add greatly to visitor enjoyment are being planned at the popular Mirror Lake Campground east of Kamas. The Kamas Ranger District of the Wasatch-Cache National Forest has been analyzing both a nature trail around Mirror Lake itself and a new amphitheater near the already developed picnic area. Both projects could begin as early as this summer.

The proposed nature trail would be constructed on the same general alignment as the trail which has extended around Mirror Lake for many years. However, much of the new trail tread would be constructed as a "floating" boardwalk or some type of harder surface which will eventually make the trail accessible to physically challenged visitors.

Fishing stations with access to

the water's edge will also be built and opportunities for interpretation of natural resource features will add to the "nature trail" concept. Parts of the existing trail that have severe soil and vegetation damage will be closed and re-stored.

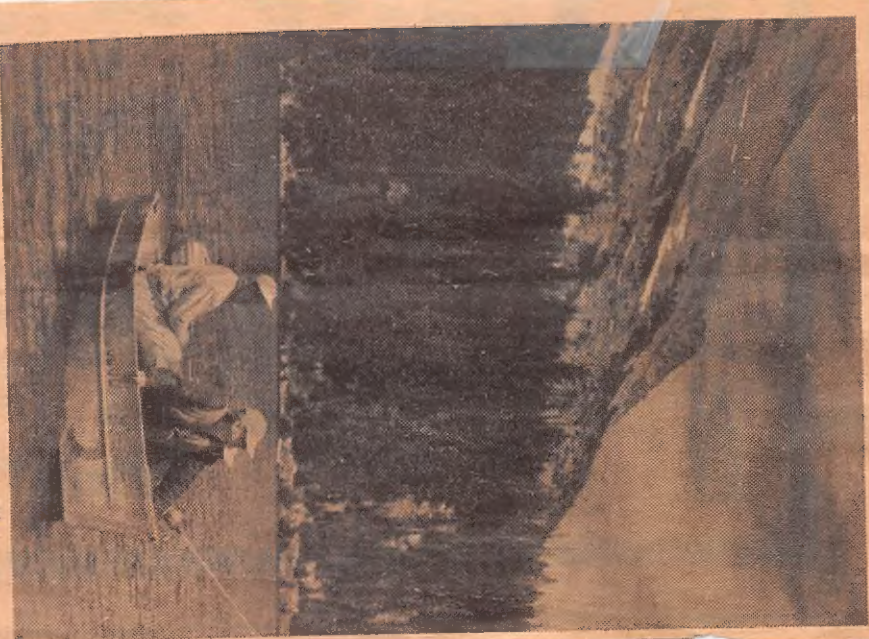
The amphitheater project is intended to provide a facility for educational and interpretive presentations for the many thousands of forest visitors who came to Mirror Lake last season. Informal programs that were presented last year were very popular with campers and picnickers. Kamas District Ranger, Melissa Blackwell stated "with the high concentration of visitors to this area, the presence of a large campground and popular lake, and the adjacent High Uintas Wilderness, this appears to be an ideal site for the amphitheater."

Spring Sonnet

Once more, once more a restless reveille
Tugs at the silver cord. For soon a kiss
So warm upon her breast will burst the chrysalis
To spill its secret horde. A verdant sea
Of hungry, probing tongues will suddenly
Leap up to lick the sun as barren bliss
Of Winter dies with dawning genesis.

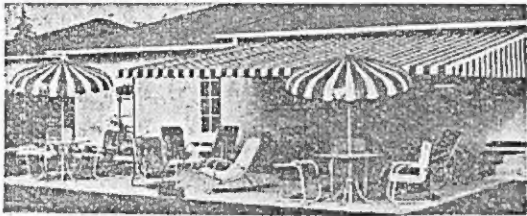
Once more, once more the urgent rhapsody
Is heard: Come let the wind play in your hair,
Come press your naked feet into the earth.
For laughing Spring's an orbit stripped of care.
... and ancient was Her wisdom at Her birth.

Once more, once more my weightless dreams wing free:
Though life's at ebb, my heart's at apogee.
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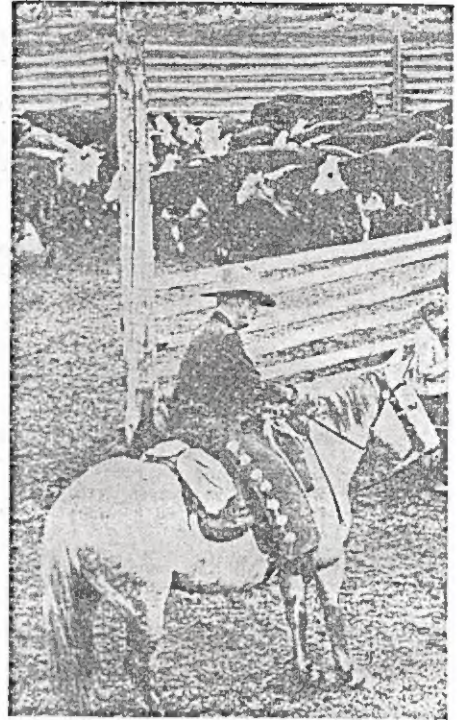
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When summer
heat irritates

Head for the Hills

by Don Howard

Tribune Travel Editor



AUGUST . . . when the heat sticks to city asphalt and tempers grow short and conversation snappish. That's the time to hunt the coolness of the hills, the solitude of the forests, the quiet shores of pine-rimmed lakes and let summer work the magic that only the mountain country knows.

This is the ideal time to hit for the High Uinta Wilderness area of northeastern Utah, or the crag-topped Wind River mountains of western Wyoming. And this is an ideal year, finally, for rains have kept the mountains green, and the plains across Wyoming are fresh and the heady scent of moistened sage rides with the ever-present wind.

From Salt Lake City take US 40 through Parleys Canyon through either Peoa or Hailstone to Kamas, where Utah 150 begins its scenic

climb toward Baldy Summit and Mirror Lake. This road is surfaced almost to the Trial Lake branch, is good gravel virtually to the summit and just a mile rough on the other side.

There's plenty of good stream fishing along the way and camping and picnic areas galore. Just this side of Baldy Summit several good lakes are easily reached via short side roads. These are well stocked with trout and have camp and picnic facilities in the pines that line their shores.

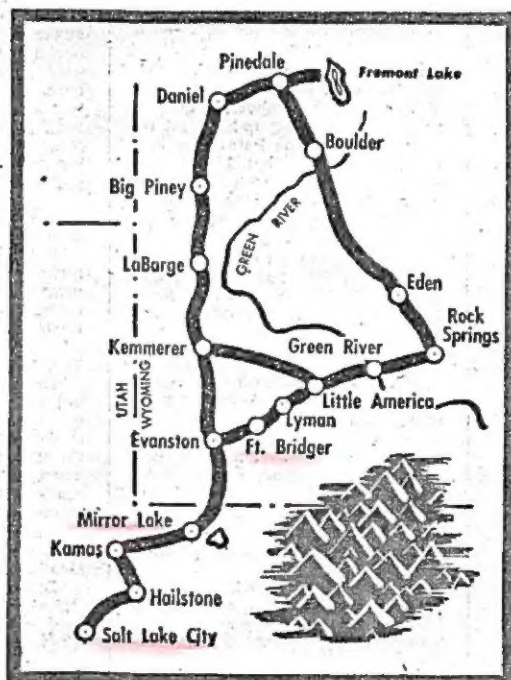
MIRROR LAKE is a sapphire set in the solid green of the forest, mirroring the great granite peaks of the Uintas in its shining depths. There is a lodge, cabin facilities and horses available for short or long packs into the primitive areas. A forest camp

ground along one shore of the lake can accommodate several hundred campers—and usually does until September's chill clamps down on the high country. Trails to nearby lakes lure hikers. The more hardy vacationer often hangs his sleeping bag and a bit of grub on his back and takes off for several days of solitude and seclusion.

Year by year they improve a few more miles of Utah 150 between Mirror Lake and Evanston, Wyo., and now there remains only some six to eight miles until the entire route will be one easy scenic drive. Those unimproved miles right now are rough, but that just gives you more time in which to enjoy the splendor of the Uintas. Along here, too, are more lakes and streams, camp grounds and picnic areas, favorite haunts of folk from Evanston and other southwestern Wyoming communities.

IF IT'S town accommodations you're looking for along US 30, Evanston, Little America, Green River or Rock Springs has plenty of first class diggins, good cafes and pleasant cocktail lounges. And an hour's stop at old Ft. Bridger for a leisurely tour of this pioneer outpost with its wealth of memorabilia connected with the winning of the west is a rewarding historical experience.

Your Old Tribune Traveler invariably selects the Rock Springs-US 187 route to the Pinedale area. It's a fast road, there's the chance to observe herds of antelope close at hand and watch curious sage hens



This map will help you locate the areas visited by the Tribune Traveler in trip to Utah, Wyoming mountains.

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